

16th Sunday after Pentecost – September 17, 2023 – 10:30am

## **Order of Worship**

### **The Community Gathers**

Lighting of Altar Candles

Prelude -

A Word of Greeting and Welcome/Centering Words ~

Minister Ainise Isama'u

O God, you are our strength and our salvation. You uphold and save us. We offer you our very lives.

Opening Hymn\* - *"Lift Every Voice and Sing"* UMH 519

Angela Gricar, Accompanist

### **Giving God Glory As We Come To Worship**

**Call to Worship (L: Leader P: People)-**

Miki Hayashida

L: Sing to God, for God has triumphed gloriously!

**P: God is our strength and our might!**

L: Long ago God freed the slaves from Egypt, opening passage through the Red Sea waters.

**P: Here and now, God is our salvation, leading us through dangerous waters.**

L: Who is like our God, majestic in holiness and awesome in splendor?

**P: Every knee shall bow, every voice shall praise the God of wonder.**

**Opening Prayer**

Miki Hayashida

We sing to you, O God, for you have been our strength. You open the waters of suffering and lead us safely through. You uphold us in times of deep distress and we exalt your holy name. Receive our honor and thanks, mighty God. Amen.

Message for the Children (In Us All)

Garden Ministry

Grade Level Promotions/Teacher Appreciation

### **The Word of God for the people of God**

Congregational Hymn – *"When In Our Music God Is Glorified"*

Angela Gricar, Accompanist

Psalter 816: Psalm 97

**Lift every voice and sing, till earth and heaven ring.  
Let them resound loud as the rolling sea.**

The Lord reigns; let the earth rejoice; let the many coastlands be glad!

**Clouds and thick darkness surround the Lord; righteousness and justice are the foundation of God's throne.**

Fire goes before the Lord, and burns up his adversaries round about.

**The Lord's lightnings illumine the world; the earth sees and trembles.**

The mountains melt like wax before the Lord, before the Lord of all the earth.

**The heavens proclaim God's righteousness and all the peoples behold God's glory.**

**Lift every voice and sing, till earth and heaven ring.  
Let them resound loud as the rolling sea.**

All worshipers of images are put to shame, who make their boast in worthless idols; all gods bow down before the Lord.

**Zion hears and is glad, and the daughters of Judah rejoice, because of your judgements, O God.**

For you, O Lord, are most high over all the earth; you are exalted far above all gods.

**The Lord loves those who hate evil, preserves the lives of his faithful, and delivers them from the hand of the wicked.**

Light dawns for the righteous, and joy for the upright in heart.

**Rejoice in the Lord, O you righteous, and give thanks to God's holy name!**

**Lift every voice and sing, till earth and heaven ring.  
Let them resound loud as the rolling sea.**

L: The Word of God for all people

**P: Thanks be to God**

Faith Hymn Sing

Lynn Atkins

Psalter 821: Psalm 100

**Make joyful noise, lift up your voice! Ye nations of the earth, rejoice!**

Make a joyful noise to the Lord, all the lands!

**Serve the Lord with gladness! Come into God's presence with singing!**

Know that the Lord, who made us, is God.

**We are the Lord's; we are the people of God, the sheep of God's pasture.**

Enter God's gates with thanksgiving, and God's courts with praise!

**Give thanks and bless God's name!**

For the Lord is good;

**God's steadfast love endures forever; God's faithfulness to all generations.**

**Make joyful noise, lift up your voice! Ye nations of the earth, rejoice!**

Pastoral Prayer/Lord's Prayer

Rev. Allison Mark

**We Respond to God's grace**

Offering Our Gifts ~

Minister Ainise Isama'u

Doxology\* *"Glory Be to the Father"* UMH 70

Angela Gricar, Accompanist

**\*Offertory – Prayer of Dedication**

Miki Hayashida

Savior God, you look at our world with compassion. You also look at our world with clarity and zeal for justice. Use all we bring to life, and all we bring to you today, to fight for justice with mercy and compassion. Make us and our gifts part of the healing of the world. Amen.

**Going Forth in God's Holy Name**

Faith In Action – The Ministry of Faith UMC –

Minister Ainise Isama'u

Closing Hymn\* ~ *"He Lives"* UMH 310

Angela Gricar, Accompanist

Commission and Blessings \* - *"May the Lord Bless You and Keep You"* Faith Chancel Choir

Passing of the Peace\* - Postlude